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## Fly Bys

### Air Force Ball

Aviano members are invited to the Air Force Ball 7 to 10 p.m. tonight at La Bella Vista. The theme is America the Beautiful: Hawaii and Alaska. Tickets cost \$12 for Airmen, \$15 for non-commissioned officers, \$20 for senior NCOs, company grade officers and Department of Defense civilians and \$25 for field grade officers and general officers. Uniform for the ball is mess dress or semi-formal. To purchase tickets, call your group executive. For more information, call Capt. Karin DeAngelis at Ext. 6010.

### PTA meeting

A Parent Teacher Association general membership meeting is 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Aviano Elementary School. The PTA invites families to join them for an evening of bingo, prizes, popcorn and a chance to meet parents and teachers.

### Marquee messages

To advertise upcoming events on the base marquee, send event information including date, time, place and event contact number to 31fwmarquee@aviano.af.mil.



Airman Nathan J. Doza

### Homecoming

Master Sgt. Steven Loy, 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, walks his family away from the aircraft that brought him home from Aerospace Expeditionary Force 5/6 before the homecoming celebration Sept. 8 in Hangar One. See page 5 for more homecoming photos.

## Air Force Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Celebrating 58 Years of Legacy and Service

**By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong**  
*Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe*

the first Secretary of the Air Force; at that moment the Air Force became a distinct and separate U.S. military service. Just one year

**F**ifty-eight years ago on Sept. 18, 1947, W. Stuart Symington was sworn in as

**See Birthday, Page 8** \_\_\_\_\_

**Going postal:** The post office needs volunteers to help with incoming mail. To volunteer, stop by the post office.

### 31st FW Sortie Board

**sortie:** *n*, a flight of a combat aircraft on a mission

	Hours	Sorties
31st FW goal	212.0	66
	-70.0	-12

Information current as of Thursday.



### Friendship

The local Italian and American communities came together Sunday for a friendship festival with fun, food and remembrance.

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### Kickin' it

Mitts and bats are exchanged for cleats and shin guards as Aviano members gear up for the intramural soccer season.

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## 31st Fighter Wing

# Airman Information File Having Passion for What We Do

"I ... do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States ..."

These are more than just words to those of us in the profession of arms. Our oath commits us to a noble journey; a journey towards a more perfect union, to provide for our common defense, and to secure the blessings of liberty for our nation and our posterity. Our efforts require us to be committed to our nation's strategic goals and prepared to make great sacrifices in their defense. Having passion for what we do is not an option -- it's essential to our Nation's future.

President John F. Kennedy, in his inaugural address in 1961 said, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty." These truths are being tested today in every corner of the world. Our enemies are often difficult to identify and may walk among us. Make no mistake, we are in the fight of a lifetime; a protracted and asymmetric struggle that will challenge our resolve -- our passion -- in a way no other has.

Expertise, confidence, enthusiasm, and conviction are hallmarks of passion. We must demonstrate our passion in everything we do! From building roads to launching aircraft, from Theater Security Cooperation activities to taking care of your Wingman, believing in what we do is essential for mission success. We must continue to believe America will always prevail regardless of the

challenge. Passion gives us the power to persevere, and the moral and physical courage to act boldly on our beliefs -- it's the manifestation of our spirit through action.

Passion is contagious! Leaders, bolster your teams with vision and enthusiasm. Followers, bring your expertise and conviction to every facet of the mission. Have the courage to lead by your actions and to leave your fingerprints behind.

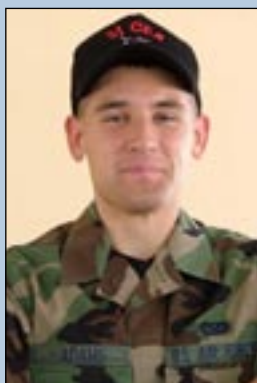
"When there is an enemy to fight in open combat ... many serve, all applaud, and the tide of patriotism runs high. But when there is a long slow struggle, with no immediate, visible foe, your choice will seem hard indeed." Kennedy's immortal words have never been more appropriate. As we continue to forge ahead in the global struggle for freedom, ensure all you do contributes to mission success and lead by your actions -- have passion for everything you do!



Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, right, is the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander while Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, left, is the USAFE command chief master sergeant. USAFE is an Air Force major command and the air component of the U.S. European command. Its headquarters is located at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. USAFE accomplishes its mission with its 16 installations, five of which are main operating bases situated across Europe. The command consists of about 73,000 people, including 26,000 active-duty Airmen.

  
General Doc Foglesong

  
CMSgt Gary Coleman



Senior Airman  
Bryan Adams

## Aviano Airman of the Week

**Name:** Senior Airman Bryan Adams

**Unit:** 31st Civil Engineer Squadron electrical systems

**Hometown:** Grand Prairie, Texas

**Hobbies:** Riding his road bike and watching movies

**Why joined:** To pursue a career in the military, the education benefits and to visit as many places as he can

**Accomplishments:** "Airman Adams was selected as a shadow because he is a highly motivated Airman who does his best to learn about the job and improve himself," said Staff Sgt. Eric Meza, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron.



Photos by Airman Nathan J. Doza

### Reunited at last

**Above:** Captain Randall Austill, 31st Maintenance Squadron, is fed by his daughter, Isabella, 1, during the Air Expeditionary Force 5/6 homecoming celebration.

**Left:** Master Sgt. Richard Waterbeck, 31st MXS, happily poses with his family after returning home from a recent deployment. Aviano welcomed home approximately 280 people Sept. 8.

## Combat Touch raises spirits, cures the blues

By Senior Airman Colleen Wronek  
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Aviano Airmen feeling blue have a helpful program available.

Combat Touch, a chapel program, reaches out to Airman and their families at work, during recreation activities and at home in a meaningful way.

"The program allows all of Team Aviano a different and creative way to take care of spiritual needs in various ways," said Chaplain (Col.) Jerry Houge, 31st Fighter Wing chaplain. "Airmen and their family members who address their spiritual needs are better suited to the rigorous lives they confront."

Infusing enthusiasm to passionately pursue matters of the spirit through various programs is what Combat Touch is about, Chaplain Houge said.

Aviano has an active ministry presence, and chapel members make a point to visit with Airmen at work and in recreational areas such as the Refuge.

"One of our major combat touch initiatives is the 'Refuge' - a drop-in coffee house in Dorm 1424," Chaplain Houge said. "The Refuge provides a smoke- and alcohol-free gathering place and has computers with Internet access, ... and a big screen TV and sound system for small social events."

Aviano's chaplains also have offices outside the chapel - in Hangar three, in Hangar two and the Refuge. "Having chaplains outside chapel walls enables them to see Airmen where they work," Chaplain Houge said.

For more information on spiritual needs, visit the Refuge or call the chapel at Ext. 5211.

## Some Airmen can carry over 'use or lose' leave

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** - Airmen who were recalled from or unable to take annual leave this past year for reasons such as support for contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Special leave accrual carry over also applies to the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members who performed full-time training or other full-time duties for more than 29 days.

Airmen who lost leave may carry the following leave amounts:

- Up to 120 days for Airmen deployed or assigned to hostile fire/imminent danger pay areas;
- Up to 90 days for Airmen who deployed or were assigned to other than hostile fire/imminent danger locations; and
- Up to 90 days for Airmen impacted by significant and unforeseen operational mission requirements as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Additionally, Airmen who lost leave as a consequence of assignments in support of contingency operations as of Sept. 30 are authorized restoration of the leave they lost.

"This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Tech. Sgt. Deitra Mathis, NCOIC, field operations, leave and commander's support staff programs at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "For the program to work as planned, though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year, or they may lose leave next year."

Airmen who meet the criteria for having excess leave should call the Military Personnel Flight customer service at Ext. 7216 for additional guidance such as eligibility to carry over leave beyond the following fiscal year.



# Don't be a target

## Important acronym key to military mission

By Senior Airman Colleen Wronek  
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Using acronyms is part of military heritage and most servicemembers can hold entire understandable conversations without using proper English.

Acronyms can be beneficial shortcuts, but there are a few acronyms that are very important to the military mission. One such acronym is OPSEC, or "Operations Security."

"When we deny an adversary information concerning our intentions and capabilities by identifying and protecting things associated with our planning and operations, we are practicing OPSEC," said Tech. Sgt. Vernon Coughran, 31st Fighter Wing plans and programs OPSEC manager. "In simpler terms, OPSEC means not allowing others to hear, see or read what we are planning or going to execute."

In the past 10 years, the United States has suffered multiple terrorist attacks including the Oklahoma City bombing, Khobar Towers, the U.S. Cole attack and the Sept. 11 attacks.

"What do all these attacks have in common? Each time the adversary was successful, it was because they discovered our vulnerabilities through watching our normal, mundane routines or reading the 'harmless trash' we threw out," Sergeant Coughran said.

OPSEC is a tool all servicemembers need to understand and integrate into their daily routine, Sergeant Coughran said.

"What we don't always realize is how much can be given away by predictable, repetitive behavior, casual conversations in public settings or on unsecured lines, routine acquisitions, assorted e-mails, careless trash we were too lazy to shred, or abnormal work hours," he said. "All members must be careful of what they're revealing because failure to do so can and does provide our enemies the information they require to attack us."

Sergeant Coughran said implementing good OPSEC takes diligence and continual effort every day.

"Perhaps you should shred that recall roster rather than just drop it in the trash, maybe drive a different route to work at a slightly different time each day or you might even caution your friend not to talk about his upcoming deployment while eating dinner at your favorite restaurant," Sergeant Coughran said. "Understanding the millions of acronyms thrown around each day in the office might be difficult, but something tells me that if we don't practice proper OPSEC, our enemies will make our lives a lot harder. Just ask yourself one question before you act each day, 'What can an enemy learn from my words and actions?'"

(Tech. Sgt. Vernon Coughran, 31 Fighter Wing plans and programs, contributed to this story.)



Erin Zagursky

Airman Michelle Segura and Senior Airman Anthony Terry, 31st Services Squadron, serve dinner to Latvian Army soldiers. Aviano Airmen provided two hot meals a day to nearly 650 people from various nations, all participating in RESCUER/MEDCEUR 2005. RESCUER/MEDCEUR is a joint, and multi-national military exercise held in the Republic of Georgia throughout September. The exercise allows U.S. European Command units to practice the deployment process and operate with the armed forces of other countries. Countries participating were Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine and the United States.

## Answers to health concerns a phone call away

Courtesy  
31st Medical Group

TRICARE is working to make health care easier to access. Most people are used to visiting their military treatment facility when they are sick, hurt or have a health care question, but now they have another option available.

By picking up the phone, people can express their health care concerns with a registered nurse by selecting the TRICARE nurse advice line option when calling Aviano's appointment line.

This convenient new feature allows people to speak to a nurse immediately regardless of the hour of the day and with-

out waiting for a call back. The nurse can help them decide the best thing to do, such as recommending an appointment, advising self-care measures or urging a visit to the emergency room.

Beginning Oct. 1, the nurse can also assist people with making an appointment with their primary care physician.

A person's health is a responsibility that depends on taking care and making good decisions. If there are any health concerns or questions, call the appointment line at Ext. 5000 or 0434-30-5000, or from an Italian phone 800-877660 and select the option to speak to a registered nurse.

## Birthday, from page 1

later, U. S. Air Forces in Europe would play a vital role in Operation Vittles, later known as the Berlin Airlift, by airlifting more than 2.3 million tons of food, fuel and medical supplies to the blockaded city of Berlin.

Today, USAFE Airmen are engaged in a wide range of U.S. and NATO real-world contingencies and exercises across the globe. We are furthering democracy in places such as Iraq and the former Eastern Bloc nations as USAFE people engage in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, partnership for peace exercises, military-to-military contact programs and other activities.

To all of the members of the Air Force – Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian, retired and families – thank you for your dedication and commitment. Because of your effort and determination, we continue to be the most respected and feared air and space force in the world. We salute you for bringing your courage every day – thanks for all you do!



1st Lt. Jennifer Ferrau

## Saying hello

Staff Sgt. David Sermon, 31st Maintenance Squadron, and his family record holiday greetings for their family and friends in the states during the annual Hometown Holiday Greeting Team visit Monday. Each year, the team visits bases around the globe to film messages for Airmen who won't be home for the holidays. The messages are shown during the member's hometown news broadcast.

# New to the Blue birth announcements

*Congrats to these Aviano families on their newest additions!*

**Kailey Cortina Bogart** was born April 11 to Jennifer and Capt. Jesse Bogart, 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and brother Tyler, 2.

**Evan Miles Hingleton** was born June 22 to Jacky Hingleton, 31st Logistic Readiness Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Stephen Hingleton, 31st LRS, and brother Joshua 1.

**Cecilia Mary Williams** was born June 23 to Tech. Sgt. Jodi Williams, 31st Communications Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Kevin Williams, 31st CS.

**Jackson Alejandro Koumouitzes-Douvia** was born at home June 27 to Jodi Koumouitzes-Douvia and Capt. Marc Douvia, 16th Air Force.

**Abigail Kenslie Campbell** was born June 28 to Nickie and Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell, 31st Maintenance Squadron, and siblings Nathan, Natalie, Hanna, Michael and Alexis.

**Kendall Avelyn McCord** was born July 6 to Carol and Staff Sgt. Robert McCord, 31st Logistic Readiness Squadron, and brother Connor, 8.

**Kadie Anne Clydesdale** was born July 11 to Audrey and Capt. Raymond Clydesdale, 31st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

**Munirah Jasmin Gordon** was born July 24 to Air-

man 1st Class Zelma Josephine Jackson, 31st Logistic Readiness Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Darnell Lamar Gordon, 31st Communications Squadron.

**Tyler Joseph Woodard** was born August 3 to Regina and Capt. Breck Woodard, 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

**Rebecca Louise Hill** was born August 20, to Helen Louise and Staff Sgt. Christopher Hill, 31st Security Forces Squadron.

**Alicia Jordyn Brown** was born August 27 to Senior Airman Erika Noemi Bonillas, 31st Security Forces Squadron, and Senior Airman Preston Brown, 31st SFS.

**Sara Joane Lin** was born August 31 to Su Hyun and Capt. Jeffrey Lin, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Note: Baby announcements can be sent either through the form provided by the 31st Medical Group, or e-mailed to [vigileer@aviano.af.mil](mailto:vigileer@aviano.af.mil).



# Two communities unite



**By Airman 1st Class  
Sarah Gregory**  
*31st Fighter Wing Public  
Affairs*

**T**he Italian and Air Force communities came together to share a moment of remembrance during the second annual Italian-American Friendship Festival in San Quirino Saturday.

More than 1,500 people came out to enjoy the free food, games, music and to honor the firefighters who died to save others during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City.

Hosted by the Honorary Squadron Commanders Association, the day's activities began with a fun run/walk. Following the run, firefighters from the 31st Civil Engineer Squadron and the Provincial Command of Pordenone firefighters held a memorial service for the American firemen who died during the World Trade Center attacks.



From left: Barb Yates; Brig. Gen. R. Wing commander; Col. Rosario Sc commander; and Profetto Vittorio other at the friendship festival h Squadron Commanders Association

A little girl receives a pony ride at the second annual Italian-American Friendship Festival in San Quirino. The festival featured many activities for children such as, jumping castles, archery, face painting, sumo wrestling, arts and crafts and live performances by the Roveredo band and Aviano students.

Staff Sgt. Michael Holzworth



# at friendship festival

This commemoration is a way for Americans to express their appreciation for the American friendship and integrate the two communities," said Paulo Tarchi, 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs. "It lets the base population know they have friends outside the gates."

Other activities throughout the day included performances by the Pordenone Band and Aviano Air Base bands, as well as jumping, face painting, pony rides and archery lessons.

Having been stationed with his family overseas for more than 10 years, Master Sgt. John Mitchell, 31st Communications Squadron, said it is key to share a strong relationship with the local nationals. "It's extremely important to socialize with our Italian friends and show [them] a positive example of what it means to be American and demonstrate appreciation for the hospitality and opportunities we are afforded while living here."



Staff Sgt. Bethann Caporaletti

Firefighters from Aviano Air Base and the Provincial Command of Pordenone firefighters pay tribute during a Catholic Mass to remember the firefighters who gave their lives during the 9/11 attacks and for those suffering from the Hurricane Katrina.



Staff Sgt. Bethann Caporaletti

Robert Yates 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs, Italian air force Master Sgt. Paolo Capocelli visit with each other and are hosted by the Honorary Consul.



Staff Sgt. Bethann Caporaletti

**Left:** Italians and Americans were treated to a free lunch featuring many Friuli-Venezia-Gulia region specialties.

A nome di tutti gli uomini e le donne della base aerea di Aviano, desidero esprimere la nostra più sentita gratitudine agli organizzatori della Festa dell'Amicizia di domenica 11 settembre 2005 a San Quirino per la bella dimostrazione di benevolenza ed affetto dataci e per il grande impegno profuso nel realizzare un evento così complesso.

On behalf of the men and women of Aviano Air Base, I wish to express our most deeply felt gratitude to the organizers of the Friendship Festival held Sunday at San Quirino. Thank you for the beautiful demonstration of benevolence and affection given to us and for the great commitment in putting together such a complex event.

## Postal service

Postal Service is not accepting any standard mail or periodicals addressed for delivery within the following three-digit zip code ranges: 369, 393, 394, 395, 396, 700, 701 and 704. Sale of express mail has been restored to Mobile, Ala., zip code ranges 365 and 366. Due to significant network disruption and catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, the sale of express mail to the following zip codes remains suspended; 369, 393, 394, 395, 396, 700-701, 703 and 704.

## Flightline shoppette

Beginning Saturday the flightline shoppette will have new hours. The new hours are 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

## Tuition Assistance

The cutoff date for fiscal year 2005 Tuition Assistance is Wednesday. If TA hasn't been approved, students can wait until Oct. 1 to ap-

ply. Enlisted members must access the Air Force Portal and the Air Force Virtual Education Center to apply for tuition assistance online. Officers must come into the Education Office to process their applications. For more information, call the Education Office at Ext. 5330.

## Toastmasters

The Aviano Toastmasters Club 9289 now meets noon to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of every month. The next meeting is Thursday in Area F, Bldg 1360, 31st Operations Group conference room. For additional information, call Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Parker at Ext. 7673 or Senior Airman Danny Torrance at Ext. 7932.

## La Bella Vista

Beginning Monday, La Bella Vista will become a conference and special function center during lunch time to better meet member's and the Aviano community's needs. Lunch will no longer be served at the club but

club members will still receive their Members First lunch discount when eating at the Mensa. To reserve the conference room or hold a function, call La Bella Vista at Ext. 4303. This change does not affect any other club operations.

## AFN Salutes

Air Force News has started a new recognition program for Aviano members. It's a way to publicly recognize a troop, co-worker, civilian, volunteer or anyone going above and beyond in your unit or base agency. It's the "AFN Salutes" program and consists of a spot that will run on both radio and television periodically throughout the day for up to two weeks at a time. The message is accompanied by background music on radio and a video back-drop also for TV. E-mail submissions, including the rank/title, name, unit or base agency and a few sentences explaining the achievement to [zfm@aviano.af.mil](mailto:zfm@aviano.af.mil).

## Hispanic Heritage

Hispanic Heritage Month runs through Oct. 15 and the Wing Special Observance Month Committee is looking for people to help organize and celebrate events. Events include dancers performing at the base exchange 5 p.m. Thursday and a Latin Night food tasting at the community center 7 p.m. Sept. 23. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sonora Vasquez at Ext. 7982 or Staff Sgt. Adriana Obregon at Ext. 5018.

## Sign Language

People of all ages interested in learning American Sign Language, helping to teach or in keeping up with the language, can call Francisco Sierra III at Ext. 5381, or 0434-553249 or e-mail him at [fransico.sierra@aviano.af.mil](mailto:fransico.sierra@aviano.af.mil) or [eating\\_firedog@yahoo.com](mailto:eating_firedog@yahoo.com).

## Bella Befana Bazaar

The annual Bella Befana Bazaar is visiting Aviano

Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, courtesy of the Aviano Officers/Civilian's Spouses Club. Aviano shoppers will have access to merchandise from more than 16 countries and 100 vendors, all tax free.

The bazaar is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 1 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2 in Hangar One, Two and Three and the wash-rack. The bazaar is open to all NATO ID card and U.S. passport holders. The AOCSC is also looking for volunteers for the bazaar. Volunteers are eligible for door prizes. If interested in volunteering, call Jennifer Fogle at 0434-96-1349 or 349-508-6733, or e-mail her at [befanavolunteer2005@yahoo.com](mailto:befanavolunteer2005@yahoo.com).

## Recycling rules

The Aviano Community Ecological Area is the place where Aviano residents should take bulky and hazardous household waste for disposal. It's located in the industrial area near POV Inspections. Their hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays. Details and a map to the area can be found on the 31st Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Web site on the Intranet. Other communities have their own ecological areas for residents; see the Web site for details on specific village requirements.

## Dental exams

Pediatric dental exams at the Base Chapel Annex are suspended during September. The 31st Dental Squadron is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, except federal holidays and wing down days. Emergency care is available 24 hours a day, by calling Ext. 5000. Appointments for comprehensive dental care can be made by calling Ext. 5060. Children under the age of 12 must be attended to at all times. Dental appointments will be re-scheduled for patients with unattended children below the age of twelve.

## Reel Times

**Today, 5 p.m.** - "Fantastic Four" Rated PG-13 - When an experimental space voyage goes awry, four people are changed by cosmic rays. Starring: Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba.

**Today, 8 p.m.** - "Stealth" Rated PG-13 - The Navy develops a fighter jet piloted by artificial intelligence. When the jet begins fighting on its own, it's humans who must stop it. Starring: Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel.

**Saturday, 2 p.m.** - "Fantastic Four" Rated PG-13

**Saturday, 7 p.m.** - "High Tension" Rated R - An intruder is about to turn two girls' innocent dreams into a nightmare. Starring: Cecile de France, Maiwenn Le Besco.

**Sunday, 7 p.m.** - "Stealth" Rated PG-13

**Tuesday, 7 p.m.** - "The Island" Rated PG-13 - Lincoln is a resident in a utopian society. He soon discovers his purpose is to provide "spare parts". Starring: Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson.

**Thursday, 7 p.m.** - "Stealth" Rated PG-13

**Friday, 5 p.m.** - "Bad News Bears" Rated PG-13 - Morris, a former pro baseball player, is lured back to baseball as the new coach of the Bears, the most losing team in Little League history. Starring: Billy Bob Thornton, Greg Kinnear.

**Friday, 8 p.m.** - "Dukes of Hazard" PG-13 - Bo and Luke Duke, who with the help of cousin Daisy and moonshine running Uncle Jesse, try and save the family farm. *Titles and times are courtesy of [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com), and are subject to change.*



## Fly Bys

### Experience Europe

The Information Tickets and Travel office offers group and customized tour packages for one-day trips, express travel, overnight and morale tours, sight-seeing and shopping trips. The office can arrange travel and reservations for squadron and private tours as well as daily and weekly tours. For more information, call Ext. 5072.

### Antique market

Pordenone at Corso Vittorio Emanuele Dan Daniele is hosting an antique market Sept. 25 at Loggia Biblioteca.

### Local area festivals

**Sunday** - The Sacile Pedalata is a 28-kilometer bicycle excursion. After the pedalata, festivities will continue until 4 p.m. with games, prizes and a treasure hunt for children. The cost is 4 euro. For more information, call Tourist Information in Pordenone at 0434-21912.

**Sunday** - Enjoy local music, food and crafts from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the Autumn fair in Cimolais.

**Sunday** - Budoia's 38th annual Funghi Fest is from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Festivities include a mushroom fun run, antique market, traditional food and wine, art, photography, stamp and model railroad exhibits, a working dog demonstration and mushroom tasting. Dancing and an orchestra performance follows the festivities.

### Safe traveling tips

When traveling around Europe, remember the following travel safety tip:

- Don't wear clothes that easily identify you as American, such as those displaying the flag, American colleges or sports teams.



File Photo

### Name this vacation location

This city is dominated by one of the most famous monuments in Europe, its "sacred rock," and it is part of a country known for its philosophers, mathematicians, architecture, art and sport competitions.

According to mythology, this city was born when the gods of Olympus decided the city should be named after the deity who could give the most useful gift to the mortals and would become its patron deity. A dispute took place between the goddess of wisdom and Poseidon, the god of the sea. The goddess of wisdom won the right to rule the city by offering an olive tree, symbol of peace and prosperity while Poseidon struck a rock and a horse sprang forth symbolising the strength.

Tourists flock to the ancient country to explore its paradisiacal landscapes, hundreds of islands, sandy beaches in crystal waters and passionate history.

Be the tenth person to correctly name this vacation location and win a prize. Submit answers to [vigileer@aviano.af.mil](mailto:vigileer@aviano.af.mil).

**Travel Web site:** Americans with travel plans should visit <http://travel.state.gov> to get the latest travel advisories in Europe.



Courtesy photo

**Prague, Czech Republic**, is considered the heart of Europe. The city is known for its beauty, history, and architectural sights.

## Information, Tickets and Tours

Upcoming tours from the Information, Tickets and Travel office include:

- Saturday - Oktoberfest Express
- Saturday - Wine Tasting in Friuli

### Region

- Saturday - Guided Bologna
- Sept. 24- 25 - Oktoberfest weekend in Munich
- Sept. 24 - Castles in Austria
- Sept. 24 - Pisa and DaVinci museums

### seums

- Oct. 7- 10 - Prague

ITT escorts ensure the group arrives and departs from the destination as scheduled and will do everything possible to make the trip safe and comfortable. Escorts also provide general information about the area. Call Ext. 5072 or 5026, for more information.

# Kicking into high gear



Photos by Staff Sgt. Micahel Holzworth

A 31st Civil Engineer Squadron soccer team member kicks the ball through the 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron teams' defense during an intramural soccer match Tuesday. The 31st CES team beat out 31st LRS, 4-1.

## Aviano intramural soccer schedule

### Monday

5:30 p.m. - 31st LRS vs. 31st MDG  
6:30 p.m. - 31st CES vs. 31st SFS A  
7:30 p.m. - female varsity vs. 31st SFS B

### Tuesday

5:30 p.m. - 31st MDG vs. female varsity  
6:30 p.m. - 31st CS vs. 31st LRS  
7:30 p.m. - BYE vs. female varsity

### Wednesday

5:30 p.m. - 31st SFS B vs. 31st OSS  
6:30 p.m. - 31st MDG vs. PMEL  
7:30 p.m. - 31st OSS vs. BYE

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. - 31st SFS B vs. 31st CS  
6:30 p.m. - PMEL vs. 31st LRS  
7:30 p.m. - 31st SFS A vs. 31 MDG



Trevin Meade, 31st CES, guards the ball from his opponent in during a soccer match.

All games are played at the soccer field in Area F.

## Fly Bys

### Hurricane fun run

The Aviano Red Cross is hosting a Hurricane Katrina 5k fun run/walk 11 a.m. Sept. 23 at the Dragon Fitness Center. The run is open to all 31st Fighter Wing members and dependents. Donations for hurricane relief are accepted. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Joshua Belk at 333-616-2262.

### Football frenzy

La Bella Vista invites football fans to watch the games, enjoy snacks and win prizes 5 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays for Monday night football. Call Ext. 4303 for more information.

### Golf championship

The Alpine Golf Course is hosting a club championship Sept. 24-25. The \$40 entry fee includes breakfast Sept. 24 and lunch Sept. 25. Tee times will be posted one day prior to tournament.

### Referees needed

The Aviano Officials Association is looking for high school football and volleyball officials for the upcoming season. Interested participants may call Joe Russo at 348-252-4885 or Chief Master Sgt. Gregory Smith at Ext. 4978.

### Outdoor Recreation

- Aviano's Outdoor Recreation is hosting a hiking trip to Slovenia 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The cost is €30, including transportation.

- Join outdoor recreation for a trout fishing expedition 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 24. Sign-up by Monday. The cost of transportation is \$5 per person and fisher's pay €3.50 per kg. for the fish caught. There is a no throwing back rule.

- A deep sea fishing trip to Caorle is Oct. 2. The trip departs from outdoor recreation 6 a.m. Cost is €50 and includes transportation, lunch on board, tackle and bait.

For more information on any of these trips, or to sign up, call Ext. 8623.

